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Dear Sir:

A. Applicant hereby discloses the following United States Patent(s)/ Patent Application Documents and Foreign Patents pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date/ Pub. Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1. US 6,371,267 B1	April 16, 2002	Kao et al.
2. US 5,779,013	July 14, 1998	Bansbach
3. US 5,845,753	December 8, 1998	Bansbach
4. US 6,527,661 B2	March 4, 2003	Leeper
5. US 4,611,697	September 16, 1983	Okita et al.
6. US 6,340,080	January 22, 2002	Carlson

7. US 5,598,908	February 4, 1997	York et al.
8. US 6,302,249 B1	November 16, 2001	Jolly et al.
9. US 6,117,093	September 12, 2000	Carlson
10. US 5,993,358	November 30, 1999	Gureghian et al.
11. US 5,816,372	November 6, 1998	Carlson et al.
12. US 5,842,547	December 1, 1998	Carlson et al.
13. US 2001/0052893 A1	December 20, 2001	Jolly et al.
14. US 5,810,696	September 22, 1998	Webb
15. US 5,007,513	April 16, 1991	Carlson
16. US 6,318,522 B1	November 20, 2001	Johnston et al.
17. US 6,152,272	November 28, 2000	Agnihotri et al
18. US 5,947,238	September 7, 1999	Jolly et al.

B. A copy of each patent/ patent document is included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

C. Explanation of Relevance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

1. 1. US Patent No. 6,371,267 B1 issued April 16, 2002 to Kao et al. discloses a liquid cooled magnetorheological fluid clutch for automotive transmissions.
2. US Patent No. 5,779,013 issued July 14, 1998 to Bansbach discloses a torque transfer apparatus using magnetorheological fluids.
3. US Patent No. 5,845,753 issued December 8, 1998 to Bansbach discloses

torque transfer apparatus using magnetorheological fluids.

4. US Patent No. 6,527,661 B2 issued March 4, 2003 to Leeper discloses a limited slip differential having a magnetorheological fluid brake.
5. US Patent No. 4,611,697 issued September 16, 1983 to Okita et al. discloses an electromagnetic powder coupling with cooling fins.
6. US Patent No. 6,340,080 issued January 22, 2002 to Carlson discloses an apparatus including a matrix structure.
7. US Patent No. 5,598,908 issued February 4, 1997 to York et al. discloses a magnetorheological fluid coupling device and torque load simulator system.
8. US Patent No. 6,302,249 B1 issued November 16, 2001 to Jolly et al. discloses a linear acting controllable pneumatic actuator and motion control apparatus including a field responsive medium and control method therefor.
9. US Patent No. 6,117,093 issued September 12, 2000 to Carlson discloses a portable hand and wrist rehabilitation device.
10. US Patent No. 5,993,358 issued November 30, 1999 to Gureghian et al. discloses a controllable platform suspension system for treadmill decks and the like and devices therefor.
11. US Patent No. 5,816,372 issued November 6, 1998 to Carlson et al. discloses a magnetorheological fluid device and process of controlling force in exercise equipment
12. US Patent No. 5,842,547 issued December 1, 1998 to Carlson et al. discloses a

controllable brake.

13. US Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0052893 A1 was published on December 20, 2001, inventors, Jolly et al., and discloses a magnetically controllable semi active haptic interface system and apparatus.

14. US Patent No. 5,810,696 issued September 22, 1998 to Webb discloses exercise apparatus and associated method including a rheological fluid brake.

15. US Patent No. 5,007,513 issued April 16, 1991 to Carlson discloses an electro active fluid torque transmission apparatus with a ferro fluid seal.

16. US Patent No. 6,318,522 B1 issued November 20, 2001 to Johnston et al. discloses a rotary damper with magnetic seals.

17. US Patent No. 6,152,272 issued November 28, 2000 to Agnihotri et al discloses a magnetic particle damper apparatus.

18. US Patent No. 5,947,238 issued September 7, 1999 to Jolly et al. discloses a passive magnetorheological fluid device with an excursion dependent characteristic.

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Respectfully submitted,



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